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March 15, 2013

The Honorable Andy Hill  
Washington State Senate  
303 John A. Cherberg Building  
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Olympia, WA 98504-0445



RE: Capital Budget Support – *Coordinated Investment for Puget Sound Floodplains*

Dear Senator Hill:

I am writing you as Chair of the Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish Watershed (WRIA 8) Salmon Recovery Council, which is comprised of 27 local governments, businesses, community groups, concerned citizens, and state and federal agencies who have been working since 2000 to recover Chinook salmon in our watershed. We urge your support for the Lower Cedar River Integrated Floodplain Restoration project, which will create jobs and bring multiple benefits to our community.

This project is part of the Capital Budget request for *Coordinated Investment for Puget Sound Floodplains*. When coupled with the Puget Sound Acquisition and Restoration (PSAR) Capital Budget request, the result is an efficient investment in Puget Sound that focuses resources on the highest priority projects benefitting people and the environment. Efforts like the Lower Cedar River Floodplain project simultaneously reduce flood risk, restore habitat, and improve water quality.

The Lower Cedar River proposal implements high priority actions identified in the WRIA 8 Chinook Salmon Conservation Plan and the King County Flood Hazard Management Plan. The project will relocate flood prone residents from a costly flood hazard area, protect critical infrastructure, restore over 40 acres of salmon habitat, and support 57 local construction-based jobs. In tough economic times, this project, in addition to full funding for the PSAR request, is a strategic and effective investment in our local economies, salmon recovery, and the health of Puget Sound.

Again, thank you for your efforts, and for your support of the Lower Cedar River Integrated Floodplain Restoration project.

Sincerely,

Dr. Don Davidson, DDS  
Councilmember, City of Bellevue  
Chair, WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council

Cc:

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